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SUBJ: POSSIBLE SOVIET INTEREST IN FORMATION "PRIVATE" NY CORPORATIONS

1. NEW YORK ATTORNEY LAZAAR HENKIN (410 PARK AVENUE) CALLED AT COMMERCIAL OFFICE MAY 19 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE CREATION OF CHARTERED COMPANIES IN NEW YORK WITH 100 PERCENT SOVIET SHAREHOLDING.

2. HENKIN SAID HE DISCUSSED IDEA WITH MORFLOT REPRESENTATIVES AND URGED THEM TO PUT UP DOLS 1500 TO FILE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW YORK CORPORATION TO TEST SCHEME. HENKIN ADVISED THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE JOINT STOCK COMPANY BUT "PRIVATE" SOVIET-OWNED CORPORATION, AND HE ASKED WHETHER IT COULD BE STAFFED BY SOVIET TRADE OFFICIALS ON B-1 VISAS. IN DISCUSSION WITH INS NEW YORK HENKIN SAID THAT HE WAS TOLD THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM.

3. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS INFORMAL CEILING ON SOVIET COMMERCIAL PRESENT IN US, AND HE SAID
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HE PERSONALLY CONSIDERED IT UNLIKELY THAT REPRESENTATIVES

TRAVELING TO STAFF SUCH "PRIVATE CORPORATIONS" WOULD BE TREATED AS OUTSIDE THIS LIMITATION. HENKIN WAS ADVISE TO CONTACT EUR/SOV (KOVNER) FOR DISCUSSION OF THIS IDEA BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER. (COMMENT: THIS PROPOSAL APPEARS RELATED TO PLAN ANNOUNCED BY SOVIETS DURING COMMERICAL COMMISSION MEETING TO ESTABLISH "COMPANIES" IN U.S. OWNED BY FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATIONS. END COMMENT)

4. ON OTHER SUBJECT, HENKIN SAID THAT HIS CLIENTS ROBIN INTERNATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL DYNAMICS (WHICH BUILT BUILDING IN RIVERDALE) HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATION WITH SOVIETS (STATE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECTURE) ON CONSTRUCTION OF HOTEL/ APARTMENT HOUSE COMPLEX USING LATTER FIRMS'S SPECIAL "JACK-UP" BUILDING TECHNIQUE (WHICH ALSO USED ON RIVERDALE BUILDING). BRITISH CREDITS, BRITISH EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION/MATERIALS, U.S. ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES AND SOVIET LABOR WOULD BE USED ON THIS PROJECT. HENKIN SAID HE WAS OPTIMISTIC AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED. MATLOCK

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